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President Joseph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden:

I write out of concern for New Yorkers who are seeing rising costs in the energy sources used to heat their homes. A recent analysis from the U.S. Energy Administration (EIA) shows significant increases in the cost of natural gas, propane, and heating oil. As a representative for upstate New York, these energy sources are necessary for home heating, and such cost increases are detrimental to my constituents in the cold winter months. I encourage you to continue to take steps now to lower energy costs and lessen the energy burden Americans are facing across the country.

I want to thank your Administration for the diligent efforts to prioritize the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). I was proud to work with your Administration to enact the funding increase through the American Rescue Plan, as this program has been crucial to upstate New Yorkers. I urge you to consider another funding increase for LIHEAP to continue to combat the rising prices of energy. Additionally, I remain supportive of the Administration's effort to transition our economy to renewable energy sources.

I believe we must do more to lower costs of energy sources for Americans who are struggling to heat their homes throughout the winter. That is why I urge you to release inventory from the Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve, to increase supply in the northeast United States. These initiatives could lower energy costs for working Americans who are less able to absorb the increases.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. Please do not hesitate to reach out if I can provide any more information, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Antonio Delgado
Member of Congress